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1. The potash production in Thuringia reached its peak since the defeat of Germany with 66,000 tons in October 1946 and dropped to 25,000 tons in January 1947. There are prospects for an even smaller production in February. The following eight works are operating, with twenty-one shafts out of a total of fifty-seven functioning:

- a. Kaiseroda (H74), Wintershall AG
- b. Heiligenroda (H75), Wintershall AG
- c. Sachsen-Weimar Fabrik of the Wintershall AG
- d. Bischofferoda (C91), Werk Bismarckhall of the Kali-Industrie AG
- e. Bleicheroda (C91), Preussische Bergwerks- und Hutten AG
- f. Sondershausen (D11), probably Wintershall AG
- g. Volkenrode, near Kerner, Burbach-Kaliwerke AG, Werk Volkenrode
- h. Sollstedt (C91), Vereinigte Kaliwerke Salzdettfurth AG, Werk Sollstedt

2. Of a total labor force of 9-11,000 workers in the above potash mines, only about 5% are skilled. Efforts of SMA Weimar to reopen abandoned shafts failed because of lack of skilled workers and iron.

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